

Briefing Minutes: Coutts Border Protests

Date & Time

2022-02-17 @ 0900hrs

Present:

See the attendance sheet

UNIT/NAME/AGENCY	UPDATES/NOTES	DD/FOLLOW UP
RCMP SILVER		
C/SUPT. GORD SAGE	- Will talk to DEOC and look at fencing the legal protest site. Don't want protestors crossing the Hwy at free will; - Message from Ottawa is to respect charter and rights but also to lawfully protest and not blockade; - Wants members to make regular patrols to stop impaired drivers; - Want to put a fence and make sure no one keeps darting across the Hwy. Doesn't want to antagonize but it's a safety issue and may need to do so; - LRPS does have TC team on call and will send a CIC down to roll with a full team in the event that gas is needed to remove protestors; - GD patrol side is there a need to shift more members to days vs nights?	
C/SUPT. T. DAROUX	- Little bit of movement and coming from DEOC. Reminder that this is not just over yet. Keep pressure on the protestors; - DEOC hasn't tasked CCMG out yet but request is in; - Met with leaders of the community and some information from the Mayor and Reeve of Milkriver have heard rumors that there is another blockade is possible this weekend;	

	• Expect that the legal protestor site could amp up this weekend; • Still receiving questions about disabling tractors. Will be serious to see what groups are saying now; • CrOps is not excited to move STO out to Ottawa just yet as there may be flare ups here in Alberta; • Keep in mind as part of safety planning that alcohol may play a role; • CP Rail will be on the next call and will be kept in the loop for any problems with railway; • Town of Milkriver is a little nervous about the protests site and are concerned; • The protestors are not using the Wifi provided as they believe the RCMP are monitoring; • Milkriver town is monitoring the use of RV's stealing power from the road side but they do have a switch and will shut off power to that sign.	
RCMP BRONZE	•	
CBSA	• In Coutts 290 commercial and 89 passenger motor vehicles about 75% of normal for this time of year. Slowly getting back to normal numbers;	
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CCMG	•	
CIP	•	

CSET	•	
GIS/MCU	•	
DCAS	• Possibly 60 people with more coming this weekend to bolster up the numbers at the legal protestor site. Possible influx of bodies at this site. Do something but don't know what yet; • Monitoring social media again for railroads and will monitor chatter if this could happen; • Loose talk on Monday morning that would fortify the town and build berms; • Is aware of the Western convoys coming or planning on going to Washington, DC. There is chatter but there is a very unlikely risk as there is more security on the State of The Union day then any other. This would be a very bad time to put on a protest if they were to do it.	
GD	• Briefed GD members this morning. Patrol the road, meet and greet on the community side of things; • Informed again of the rules of engagement for protestors; • Will be switch over to new Bronze command for tomorrow; • Wait and see what happens, will help with border and towing; • Put some patrols in town site if needed, Milkriver; • Will get one of the members to go into the encampment and get some accurate counts. Put the right person in there as they will need to communicate; • Potential security truck at the entrance; • Remove signs from Hwy near Milkriver; • Switch over to new Bonze;	• Task to follow up.

	• Believes there is a decent amount of numbers. Protesters are aware when its switch over hours. Believes they are adequately resourced for nights right now; • On the weekend Del Bonita is closed so the resources there will collapse into Coutts.	
SHERIFFS	• 2 in Del Bonita and 7 here in Milkriver today; • Will assist with masks if needed; • Possibly move resources from Caraway and move into Coutts area; • Does have resources for the weekend that will be arriving. Request for afternoon/evening resources for Friday-Sunday.	
IBET	• 4 bodies, 2 teams of 2. One will stay local with USCBP and will maintain patrols; • Second team going to Del Bonita meeting with locals and will head all the way to Caraway and switch out with the other teams. Want to reach back out to land owners; • Has approval for GD members to check sensors if they are activated.	
MEDIA	•	
STO	• Request has been made from Ottawa to send STO members and are putting together names. Possibly 15 members from STO in Alberta, but should not be affecting the numbers in Alberta; • Still has resources available on site and more on call. Will monitor on Milkriver channel and are already to enforce right away. Will bolster and assist GD; • With 4 members there is limited assistance they can give but will be available to jump; • Will be ready for vehicle extraction if needed and are prepared; • Do have proper masks for gas and or OC spray.	

FILE COORDINATING	•	
Lee	• 2 teams of 2 working days and 2 teams of 2 working evenings. Will be monitoring and waiting to have tow trucks ready on the go if called; • Big tractor trailer has been trailered and waiting to leave but the wind may delay this.	

End @ 0931hrs